THK MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir. There are no restrictions in placing orders for wagons on units which are not registered members of Wagon India Ltd.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Phasing out of Air-Conditioned chair Cars on Rajdbani Express train

1297. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to phase out Air-Conditioned Chair Cars on Rajdhani Express and other long distance trains

(b) whether it is also a fact that taon-A.C. first class coaches are also being phased out:

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what arrangements have been made for their replacement?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) In order to provide more comfortable journey to the long distance passengers it has been decided to gradually replace the AC. Chair Cars oto Rajdhani Expresses by A.C. 3 Tier Coaches, Similarly, to increase the carrying capacity of trains and. also to provide omfortable service, existing I Class Coaches and being replaced in a phased manner by other suitable type of Coaches depending upon their availability.

Constructions of railway projects in Orissa

1298. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:
SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be
pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of Railway projects under construction in Orissa and their estimated cost;

(b) the funds allocated by the Central Government for those projects and progress made so far;

(c) the target date fixed for the completion of those projects; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) The details of new railway line and doubling projects presently under execution in Orissa are as under:—

S. No.	Name of the project	Length (Kms.)	Cost (Rs. Crs.)	Funds allocated in 94-95	Target date of completio i	Percentage progress a upto 6/94
NEW LINES						
1	Koraput-Rayagada	164	419.20	17.00	94-95	97
2	Talcher-Sambalpur	172	220.00	35.11	95-96	50
3	Lanjigarh Road-Junagarh	54	100.00	2.00	98-99	01
4	Daitari-Banspani	147	242.55	23.00	9899	05
5	Khurda Road-Bolagir	289	353.38	1.00	99-2000	01
DOUBLINGS						
6	Ambodala-Bissam Cuttack &	100	84.20	4.17	94-95	85
Therubali-Gumada		28	25.09	2.63	94-95	75
7	Joranda Road-Hindol Road	32	27.61	6.71	95-96	40
8	Talcher-Hindol Road	26	27.64	2.00	97-98	02
9	Rajatgarh-Nergundi .					